## **Listing of Claims:**

The following is a listing of claims as currently pending. No amendments have been made to existing claims. New claims 16 and 17 have been added.

- 1. (Previously Presented) A method for treating a metabolic or autoimmune disorder in a human or veterinary patient, said method comprising the steps of
  - (A) administering to the patient a therapeutically effective amount of a compound having the formula:

wherein:

R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub> and R<sub>3</sub> each represents a hydrogen atom or a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>22</sub> acyl group;

 $R_4$  represents a hydrogen atom or a  $C_1\text{-}C_6$  alkyl group;

 $R_5$  represents a  $C_1\hbox{-} C_{21}$  alkyl group or a  $C_6$  or  $C,_0$  aryl group;

R<sub>6</sub> represents a hydrogen atom; and

R represents the residue of an amino acid or a linear peptide of up to from 2 to 6 amino acid residues. Furthermore, at least one of the residues may be optionally substituted with a lipophilic group through an ester or amide bond; and n is 1 and 2; and

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- (B) administering to the patient a natural or synthetic compound that comprises a flavone, flavonoid, isoflavone or a derivative, prodrug or congener thereof.
- 2. (Original) A method according to Claim 1 wherein Step A comprises administering GMDP.
- 3. (Original) A method according to Claim 1 wherein Step A comprises administering GMDP-A.
- 4. (Original) A method according to Claim 1 wherein Step A comprises administering GMDP and GMDP-A.
- (Original) A method according to Claim 4 wherein Step A comprises administering GMDP and GMDP-A in separate doses at separate times.
- 6. (Original) A method according to any of Claims 1-5 wherein the compound is administered enterally.
- 7. (Original) A method according to any of Claims 1-5 wherein the compound is administered parenterally.
- 8. (Original) A method according to Claim 7 wherein the compound is administered intranasally.
- 9. (Original) A method according to Claim 7 wherein the compound is administered sublingually.
- 10. (Orginal) A method according to Claim 7 wherein the compound is administered by buccal administration.
- 11. (Cancelled)

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- 12. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1 wherein Step A and Step B are carried out substantially simultaneously.
- 13. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1 wherein Step A and Step B are carried out at different times.
- 14. (Original) A method according to Claim 12 wherein the compound of Step A and the compound of Step B are administered in a fixed dosage combination pharmaceutical preparation.
- 15. (Cancelled)
- 16. (New) A method according to claim 1 wherein Sep B comprises administering a flavone derivative.
- 17. (New) A method according to claim 16 wherein the flavone derivative comprises Rutin.